

Tuesday Dec. 30., 1890 at
9.20 A. M. I started from Lt.
Carroll for Fla. Mrs. Brown
being my traveling companion
to my Fla. home. Joy & Petrie
accompanied us to Chicago where
we arrived a little after 2 P. M.
of Tues. Dec. 30th. Mrs. B. & my
self took a Hansum across the
city from Union Depot to the
Monon Route Depot, on
Dearborn St. I think. Joy & Pet
went over on Street Cars, & arrived
soon after we did. In a little
time Frank Johnson came
& soon after Mabel Abernathy.
We spent the P. M. in pleasant
visit. About 5 o'clock Mabel
left. Frank Johnson took us
to Tea. While we were gone
to Tea, Mrs. Bromley made
the discovery that the Satchel

trace of it. Too bad, though for
tunately she did not have much
of value in it - the whole thing,
satchel & all not worth more
than five or six dollars, yet it
was a source of much regret
to us all.

At 7⁴⁵ P.M. we took the train on
the Monon route, for Louis-
ville where we arrived at
6 to 7 A.M. Wednesday morn'.
Here we had to transfer, by
cars, to the Depot of the L. & N.
Ry. from which we took cars
to Nashville at 8:30 Wednesday
Dec. 30, 1891. It was not a
through train & hence had
to travel in a "day car." It was
very nicely fitted up, but quite
full - crowded much of the
way. Arrived at Nashville
about 2 P.M. & had to wait
till after 10 evening for the

train down from Pensacola.
Had lower berths opposite
each other. Arrived at
Montgomery about 7 A.M.
of New Years day

Jan 1/91 Had a comfortable
& uneventful trip from
Montgomery to Jax, where
we arrived about 9 in
evening of Jan. 1st Thurs.

Took Bus to the Everett House.
Had separate rooms & were
charged \$1.50 each for the
one nights lodging. Were too
late to get our breakfast here
as our train for De Land,
via St. Joe & W.R. left Jax a
little after 8 A.M. of Friday

Jan. 2/91 & arrived at
De Land about noon of
same day. I paid the Putnam
House driver 50cts to bring
me up - our trunks
not coming on the train

train. Mrs. B. chose to walk
over from Depot. Towards
evening she went over to
Depot to see if trunks had
come, found them there &
got some colored boys to
bring them over for which
I paid them 50 cts. I now
think I will never come
via the Monon route again.
The trip throughout was disap-
pointing. Money paid out as
follows — For tickets from
Lerinville to De Land for
self & Mrs. B. nearly \$49. I
forgot the exact cts though
I think it was \$48.85. Thus
getting tickets only one way
I got no excursion rates. The
tickets were sent me by Jas.
Barker of the Monon Route.
It cost me within 80 cts of
as much as though there
had been no advertising due

me. Bus fare from Mt. Carroll
to Depot 25. Hansum in Chi.
75 for Mrs B. & self. Sleeper
from Chi. to Louisville \$2.
for each of us. Sleeper from
Nashville to Jax. for each
of us \$4.50 - on it from 10 at night
of Wednesday to 9 at night of
Thurs. 28 hours — Sleep !!

At Everett House \$1.50 each for
lodgings (Jax.) & Bus fare
each way for both \$1.00 ie
50cts each. At DeLand .50 for
ride from Depot home, ^{for self} \$1.50
for both the trunks, ie. 25cts each.
Mrs B. paid no bills except for
her R.R. Ticket from ^{Mt. C.} Chicago.

Our journey was safe, uneventful,
& comfortable for which we
have reason to be thankful,
yet I am decided I think
that I will not try the Monon
Route again - certainly not
under same conditions —

col. Frost last night. I see the
orange trees in town have been
much hurt by frost & on the
Putnam grove, & Mr Adams's
etc. on the lowest ground the
fruit is badly hurt — The
men at work at Boulevard
grove getting that cleared,
only about 60 boxes. Much of it
stolen. A school near an
orange grove is not very
profitable — ie not so to the
grove! Wish I could sell that
place. I had Charly up & with
Mrs. Brownle, drove over to
the Lake grove. Found it in
good condition with a fair
crop of fruit. nice, most of
it. See I am wrong — I drove
to the "10" on Saturday & on
Sunday drove to Lake Brown
found the "10" & the "60" both

looking fine. It is a marvel the power to recuperate that an orange tree has. The ten was so hurt last March that I had but little expectation that the trees would be alive now, to say nothing of any fruit. Now it probably has three car loads of oranges on it. Those on the low ground where most hurt are very large & coarse. I cannot understand it, why this grove should suffer thus.

Sunday - Jan. 4/91 We did not go to church today. A cold, cheerless day; hard frost last night. In P.M. Miss B. & I drove over to the lake grove as before mentioned. Have called at Mr. Richardson's every day to inquire after her, but have not thought best to go in for fear of worrying her. She is very miserable.

night thermometer down to
28° Thick ice on water & the
ice & frozen. Oranges do not
seem hurt Not quite as cold
as the Monday morning of last
week so they tell me. I drove
over to the Lake grove & took
chain & lock along to fasten
the grove gate. Took Mrs.
Ten Eyck with me. Called
at Mrs. Lindley's. Was in town
in the forenoon & took Mrs. B.
Very cold night — Men
finished the Boulevard grove
Tuesday Jan. 6/91 Cold yet
though not quite so severe
as it has been. Wind getting
asterly indicating a change
in weather. Drove alone to the
"O." Six men at work there
The oranges are so very
large I fear they will
not bring much. So it goes!

~~Wednesday~~ Jan 7/91 Wednesday, Jan 7/91
Some warmer - no freeze last night. Drove over to Mrs Lind
leys & agreed with her to go to
work on my Lake grove &
ship till I should say stop.
She to pay me \$1.50 per box.
She is to pick from the lowest
ground where most likely to
be injured by frost. I think
it best to keep my fruit mor-
ing. Two buyers here after
my fruit on Saturday,
the day after my arrival.
Asked them \$2⁵⁰ f.o.b.
They promised to call
again, but have not. The
freeze has frightened
buyers off the market.

Thurs. Jan 8/91 Warmer for
which I am ~~for~~ thankful. Wind
in East quite strong. Appearance
of rain. I drove to town & to

packing oranges. Got home about 2¹/₂ P.M. Put Charlie in stable & fed him, got my dinner & soon after an orange buyer by name of Clitterer of Baltimore called on me. Saw another one in town today, who said he would call & see about buying my oranges. I must be up early in the morning & take Mrs B. to Lake grove to work at oranges.

Friday, Jan. 9/91 Drove over to the lake with Mrs B. & found Mrs Lindly had done nothing to be ready to pack oranges, so came home. Men picking at "10"

Saturday, Jan 10/91 Raining day. Staid home busy all day.

Sunday, Jan 11/91 A very rainy day. Heavy showers, warm & nice between. I fear a blizzard is in preparation

Monday Jan. 12/91 Up early & out
to the "10" to crowd the pickings.
Ground cold fast. Wind piercing.
Bundled up with all the wraps I
had but suffered with the cold.
Had a lot of oranges at Boulevard gotten
off to Depot — 50 boxes — Mr May's
team hauled them down to Depot.
Young Finn packed them & the
darky Brown helped him. They
ought to have gone long ago. Been
off the trees many days. Boxes out
in the weather & all wet. Had
him put them up to dry &c. Came
home about 3 P.M. very cold &
tired. Put horse out & concluded
to let things rest for all I could
do more. Watched the Thermometer
till 1 o'clock. As the wind went
down with the sun it seemed
warmer. At 1 A.M. the Ther.
stood at 44° No danger tonight
Tuesday Jan. 13/91 At 5 A.M.
Ther. 42° All right, but being

goes up very slowly. At the warm
est today it has not reached 60°
as the sun went down —, with but
little wind, the Ther. went down
too. Now at 6 P.M. it is but about
 40° . Fearful of a hard freeze
tonight. Mr. S. had the men
all picking oranges at 10^o Has
everything there full with oranges.
Mr. Haynes of Orlando, of the
Niagara Grape Co., spent the
evening here talking over the
grape industry. He is as
sanguine as ever over
grapes. Then he left at 9, eve.
the Thermometer stood at 34°
at 11 Ther. stands 34° Thank
the Lord — it may be we are to
be spared this great calamity —
God grant it may be so —

At $3\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. Ther 30 & continued
so till $6\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. of

Wednesday, Jan. 14/91, Everything
white as with snow. Leaves on the

orange trees stiff but no frost frozen
Mr. Haynes came nearly 9 A.M. & we
drove over to Taylor place to see the
good vineyard she to prune it. We
found it nice - the growth uniform
forming strong some - yes many
shoots fifteen to 20 & even 30 ft

Mr. Haynes said he could prune
the 2 acres in one hour, but as
Mrs. R. & Mrs Lindley & I were
learners he gave us instruction
& was nearly 1 P.M. when through.
I drove over for Mrs. L. & took
her home. Took Mr. Haynes
to P.O. getting mail & left him
to go to Putnam House to dinner
The vineyard exceeds my ex-
pectations. Twelve roots gone
out of the two acres. He will
replace them. Thermometer
when I came home stood
about 38°. Scarcely reached 6°
today. I fear for tonight

at same hour yesterday it was
34° & at 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ at 38° I do so hope
it may not get down as it did
last night.

Thursday Jan. 15/91

A clear beautiful morning, but cold. Ther 31° with heavy white frost. This frost as yesterday & this mornig is a saving of our fruit. It forms a protective cover & melts away drawing out any frost there may be on the inside of the fruit. This is my theory about it. At any rate the fruit does not seem at all hurt & the leaves that were perfectly stiff with the frost white on them so as to look almost like a snow covering the trees, seem unharmed. At 9 A.M. the Ther. has scarcely reach 54° This looks as though we would have another cold

night. When ~~we~~ we have our
weather. There has been none since
I arrived here Jan. 2 & they had then
just passed through a most
damaging freeze of Dec. 29 -
a black frost, that did more
harm to fruit & trees than the
repeated frosts since. We have
had more nights of frost since I
came than free of frost. If
oranges & trees will bear all
this it seems to me we may
count on growing oranges
in Ill. some day!! But
leaving aside, it is a marvel
what the oranges will bear.

In the P.M. Mr T. harnessed
Charlie & I went to P. L. & Bank.
& grocery. Took Mrs T. with me
Came home & took Mrs. B. down
as I had more deposits to make.
Came home & put Charlie out
Mrs. May called. Yesterday Mrs.
Dr. H. Kene & his Haybarger

sun. ... sunnier today, warm
Thurs. 70° & tonight 56°.
Looks like rain again.

Friday, Jan 16/91

A rainy day - raining all day. Ther. 70° till afternoon when it fell to 68° & at bedtime to 64°. I do so hope it will not turn cold after this rain. Spent the day at my desk writing. Sent a large mail down tonight & recd a large mail - ten letters. In one from home I learn of Mrs. Rivewalt's death. Died on Sat. Jan. 9/91 Went up to her room between 8 & 9 A.M. to do her roof work & was found on the floor senseless, & died before noon. She was out to church on Thurs. Had not been quite so well as usual but not ill. How I will miss her. It is well with her,

that we should not mourn." It is not all
of life to live, nor all of death to die.
Mrs Rinewalt was a truly good pion-
woman, & we believe ready to go to
far better to go thus than to have
lingered a long time helpless &
dependent on others. It is sad to John
not to have had a good bye from his
mother. How I wish I could have
seen her once more. If only I were
as well prepared - as ready in every
sense as I believe Mrs. Rinewalt to have
been I could say most earnestly let
me go in the same way, when my
work is done. "Be ye also ready"
comes to me. God grant I may be.

Saturday, Jan 17 Cleared off early
this morning, after raining all day
yesterday & all night last night.
Turns cold, as usual after a rain.
During forenoon Ther. crawled
up to 68° In P.M. had my horse
up & took Mrs. T. down town &

home & took Mrs. B. out. Was going
to the P^O grove but found the road
so obstructed with timber where
clearing that I turned across to
Stetson's. He came out & greeted
us cordially, had a long talk about
the Boulevard place. They want
it for the University Campus —
Station say if I will donate it to
the University, they will put up
a fine building on it & name
it the Shimer building &c.!
I had before said to him that I
wished I were able to donate it &c.
but that I was not. Very cool
coming home. Put my horse
out. Thermometer standing at 54°
at Sundown. Seems stationary
at near midnight. Ther. stood at 52°
Cloudy —

Sunday Jan. 18/91. A cold
day & my cold is so miserable
I stand home. Mrs B. went to
church. Mr TenEyck sick

with cold. I do not sleep well
some of Doc's cough med. & he
took ginger tea last night. He
says he is better today, but he is
pretty bad off. I do hope he is
not to be sick. Thermometer
barely reached 60° today. Now
at midnight it is scarcely 44°.
Hope we may escape a frost
but fear it. Oh when will
we have pleasant weather.
God knows what is best, but
it seems to us poor mortals
hard if we must lose the fruits
of our labor again —
God grant we may be
spared this affliction, for
such it will be to all. I do,
I try to keep my courage up
but it is hard work —

Monday Jan 19/91 Thermometer
stood at 5½ AM at 42° during.

It crawled up to 62° Tonight
it stands 52° hope it will so
stand most of night. Went over

hour or so there trim'g off trash
from wires. Left Mrs B. at 1/2 & drove
over to see Mrs Lindly. Found her
~~at the~~ planting of vineyard for her
son in Land. Vines from
Motts. Not nearly as good as
we get from Haynes last
spring. Drove home by town
& got mail. Four letters from
home. Ten eggs went for hogs
at Beresford. Richardson
went down to 60 to count
trees. I have a terrible
cold.

Tuesday Jan 20/91 Cold & heavy
white frost. Ther. 30° at my
corner early in morn. Some
ice formed. Gradually warm
till Ther. crawled up to
Dr P. M. drove down for the
mail, called at Richardson's.
He is doing nothing yet.
She is better so she walked out
on the porch. Weather: grey

Cool till at 0.1. A.M., then was down
to 50° a fall of 20° from noon to 8 P.M.
Wednesday morn' Jan 21. My
cold was so bad I didn't write
much. Mrs Codington & Mary were
here in evening. I retired early &
doctored my cold. This morn'
the Ther stood above freezing
& no frost last night. Cloudy
morn' as if rain was coming
again. This has been the regular
or program ever since I
came. Rain then cold for
three days & nights the third
night being a sharp freeze,
then gently let up for one day
& night to 7.0° then rain &
so repeat the Prog. The
market is gluttid prices
down, every one scared,
no wraps to be had &
so it goes. One doesn't know
what to do. I am waiting
like the Canber, for

morning to turn up -
whether when or how it
will be I can't tell, but of
a certainty it seems no
use to try to move anything
now. Have been getting
off some boxes of oranges to
friends. I am bound my
friends shall have a taste of
oranges whether I sell any
or not.

In P.M. I had my horse up & drove
down to the "10" - saw Mr Bush &
had a talk about the market &c.
The oranges on the 10 are not
falling scarcely any. Drove
home by the 60. Saw Mr.
Hudson at the Packing House.
He wants to lay 16^{1/2} ft along my
line. Ther at 70° most of day
tonight at 9 P.M. it stands at
68° A slight shower, this evening
Presume it will be cold by
morning.

Thursday Jan. 14th & cloudy
morning, having rained very
hard in the night with wind
which blew off some three
boxes of oranges. I had a sick
night with my cold. Took
some "heroic treatment" & am
better this morning but will
stay in & take care of myself. I
don't know when I have
had a more severe cold.
Gues I will fight it off.
Tore up chenopodium & the
Vineyard to work. Is to clear
it of the trimmings & fertilize
with 2 lbs. Mafres bone
to the root & cultivate.
The Ther. has kept up to
near 70° most of the day -
cleared beautifully but had
strong N.W. wind, though
not so cold as some first
days after a rain have been.
I do so hope we will escape
this time a frost. At the

~~5 1/2 a~~ " " 62°
10 a " " 52°

Midnight " " 48

Gone down just 2° an hour
since 4 P.M. Will get down
to freezing at this rate by
morning.

Friday Jan. 23/81 Bright
Beautiful. Ther 40° at 5 A.M.
Frost on ground but not high
up. During the day Ther. got up to
45° At sundown it downed to 62°
at 8 1/2 P.M down to 52°

This forenoon I took Mrs. T.
& drove to town for mail & then
to the Vineyard where Ten Eyck was
plowing the " & young Cox was put-
ting on Fertilizer. Used 6 1/2 bbls of
Maples Bone on Vineyard, about
2 lbs to a root. Cox is a good worker.
I took a hoe over & when he was
done fertilizing he went to hoe ~~the~~

Ther at 10 evg stands 58° a fall of
 25° since 2 P.M.

Ther. 48° at 11 P.M.

Saturday morning, Jan. 24/91

To my surprise found it warmer &
rainy. During forenoon Ther. ran
up to about 70° . About noon to
1 P.M. the wind changed from South
to west - N.W. & about ther.
began to fall & went down 4 degrees
an hour or more - at 2 P.M. stood
at 62° ; at 5 P.M. Ther. 57° wind strong W.
& cold.

Before noon today Mr. Little
of Cedar Rapids, one of the
executors of the O.N. Hull estate,
called & had a long talk -
he starts North Tues. Says Mrs.
Hull lives alone, mostly. Mrs.
O.D. Hull is north being doctor
in N.Y. In P.M. Mr Colby
to whom I sold grape vines
last spring, called his father
with him. They are at St. Albans

toughly recently from Yerkesburg
U.L. The Senior Colby told of
rape vines growing in A.G.
bright in the water & bear
of abundance etc.

Wrote Mr Stetson about selling
in my grove at 60 See L.B.
At 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ evening about time the moon
fulls, the wind went down &
Thur. 56°

" 52° at 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ Evening

" 52 " 10 "

Sunday Jan. 25/91, A cold day
at 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. Thur. 40°

" 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " 50°

" Noon " 55° & bright
sunshine with very little wind -

W. N.W. The air is cold & forebodes
evil to our trees of fruit - God grant
some change may come to save
from the seeming pending disaster
Rev Dr R. Hicks of St. Louis, Editor
of Words & Works writes me Jan 21/91
He still adhere to our position

that the winter will commence to be harder
northward without increased danger
far in the South." How he reconciles
the matter I can't see, but I do hope
he is correct & that we may escape
damaging freezes here for the
balance of the season. It is sure
Fla. has had no such continued
cold & repeated frosts in the 8 yrs.
I have known it, as in this winter.
I have been mercifully spared serious
losses so far but I am in constant
fear. My neighbors have lost heavily
in their fruit where the trees are on
low ground - I am so sorry
for them. My cold is yet very
bad. Night before last I was
really afraid I was to have pneumonia.
Yesterday I kept my bed
part of day & today am better, but
my lungs are so full of phlegm.

Thur. at 1 P.M. 58+

" 2 "	60-
" 3 "	60-
" 5 "	= 53
" 10 "	43

This is going down
fast. Doggy - fear a freeze

Monday Jan. 26/91 near & cold
ther. at 2 A.M. 36° at 5 A.M. 34°
at 8 A.M. 44° Was from home all
" " 9 " 54° P.M. whence do not
" 10 " 56° know how high the
" 11 " 59° Ther went, but
" 11 1/2 " 60° presume it was up
at 12 1/2 P.M. 65° to 70 during some
6 P.M. 60° time in P.M.
" 9 " 46° It is wonderful what falls
in temperature here are 14° in 3 hours —

Rent to Groves #10 to see how the
men were getting on with the
packing. Found 50 boxes on
platform to go shipped 40 Sat. night.
Reports unfavorable to ship —

Tuesday Jan 27/91

7 31 clear cool
morning - heavy white frost.
Ther at 40° at 6 A.M. & at
9 A.M. 56 a little grain on yesterday
5 1/2 P.M. 56 I took Mrs B. to vineyard
10 " 54 to tie of grapes. I drove
over to Mrs Landley's & then had our lunch
after I drove over to Hwy Austin. Came
home at 4 P.M. Took Mrs. T. & got the mail.

Tuesday Aug. 1st - weather cloudy
but warm. Fla. like weather. I
first drove to town & got some
staples for grape wires at the mail &
then to Richardsons & got 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ roll (150 ft)
of wire for vineyard & took it over.
B.R. & Ten E. were both there
to begin work. This is first day
work B.R. has taken in hand,
as he says, for two months. He
is better but not very well. We
found this 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ roll would not
be enough & so I drove over
to Mrs Lindley's for the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ roll
she had left. She sent Will
Lindley over to vineyard with
it. Then then asked two short
rows of enough. This is for the
other row of wire. We have
set heavier posts at the ends
of rows - Will, at Ten Eyck's
suggestion, use old rails
for middles along rows where
we will take out some of

the heavy posts for ends —

Temperature warm, about
70° at bedtime. Letter from
Brooks of N.Y. for oranges.

Thursday morning - Jan. 29/91
Had Ichaych & B.R. at this
grove getting off sample lot.
Ship to Brooks to get his bid
on them.

Thermometer about 80° at noon
the warmest day of this winter here
that I have seen —

Friday Jan. 30/91 Yesterday I took
Mrs. Richardson out for a ride.
She is getting quite well. Also
took her Mother out for a little
while, & over here to let her see a
grove. In P.M. I took Mrs. T. &
& drove to Dunn's mills to order
50 picking crates. Carl followed
us & when we got there the front
dog was on three feet, a sand
bar in one & so done over with
the heat he could scarcely

move. When ready to come home I
said to Carlo, do you want to ride?
The poor fellow jumped his four
feet into the buggy so eagerly;
but that was all he could do,
as he was too heavy & too done over
& get into the Phaeton. Mrs T. &
the foreman of the Mill took hold
& lifted his hind parts in, & a
happier dog never had a
ride than Carlo. He was so
delighted, & after we got home
he acted as though ~~he~~ wanted
to thank me, coming to my room
every little while. He wants to
make up for biting my foot
some three weeks ago! He had
taken Tom's fish head that I
had placed in my kitchen &
as I saw him I put my foot
out to push it away from him
when he seized my foot &
bit it quite sharply, as I had only
one woolen knit shoe on his teeth.

vent to the flesh & made quite a
cut. I at once removed my
boots & stockings & washed the
place thoroughly with strong
Esmanginate of potassa solu-
tion. The scab has not come off
yet. Guess no harm will come
of it. Poor dog wasn't to blame
he wanted the fish & he didn't
know what that black thing
was coming between his mouth
& the fish head, so he naturally
grabbed it. We had a slow
ride home as Carlo must
weigh 75 to 100 lbs & it made
a load. After we got home
I took Mr. Browne out for
a little drive but not far as
Charlie seemed very tired.

Tuesday Jan. 30/91 I repeat
In morning I drove over
to Drums mill again to see
about the slate stuff. They prom-
ised to have it here right after
dinner of Saturday tomorrow

Then drove up to Ma., where we found her quite out of sorts with a severe cold, taken on her trip to Pensacola. Had a little visit & came home for some medicine for her cold & sore throat. Drove over in P.M. & took it to her. Had something of a restful day. Ten Eyck & B.R. at packing oranges from this grove & send to Robert Frosciv Co. of #38 South Water St. Phil. Pa. took off 25 boxes to show the fruit to get their bid on the fruit of the grove.

Saturday, Jan 31/91 Spent the morning in writing & about noon went for mail & then down to #10 where Ten Eyck & B.R. were at work on the Oranges stored in Pack House. It is discouraging to see such beautiful fruit as in the 10 got ruined. That on the low ground where the trees were hurt so last March, one

had picked right after the frost
stored in the packing house.
It would have been better to
have done the same with the
on the high ground as it was
beautiful fruit. It is not
becoming spongy, pretty etc.
If I live & have oranges
another year I am quite
confident the fruit from
#10 will come off early begin
in Oct. I think now I will
have it cut off as soon as it shows
signs of yellowing & put in pack
ing house, or make a curing house
same as for lemons, & let them color
up & then ship onto an early
market. It has been a heavy
loss to me that Richardson
has not been able to attend to
business. He has done prac
tically nothing since Oct.
with his wife sick & him
self sick, he has not done
enough to pay his house rent.

fruit cannot be left after #3000,
almost entirely owing to his inattention
to my business.

Sunday, Feb. 1/91 The warmest
day since I have been here. It now
seems like Fla. & as though I might
get rid of my cold. I felt so miserably
I kept my bed till near noon.

Spent balance of day in reading &
writing home. Mrs B. went to
church both morning & evening.

Monday Feb. 2 Men at work
at Grove #10 getting oranges off
trees on a drive all day
looking after things. The more
I examine my orange trees the
more I am convinced my
fruit will be a failure.

It does seem too bad. The
summary of my crop is as
follows, as best I can estimate
it. The home grove here, is at
least 1200 boxes. The Boulevard

you will receive two or three
hundred boxes. The \$10 grow
about 1500 boxes — The
"60" must be at least 2400,
boxes. At the Lake grow
probably 1000 boxes — all
told six thousand one hundred
boxes. The lowest price should
have been \$1.50 on the tree
Nine thousand dollars &
over. Why is it I am thus
disappointed in all my
expectations. That it is all
for the best some way
there is no doubt, but it is
so hard to see it thus.

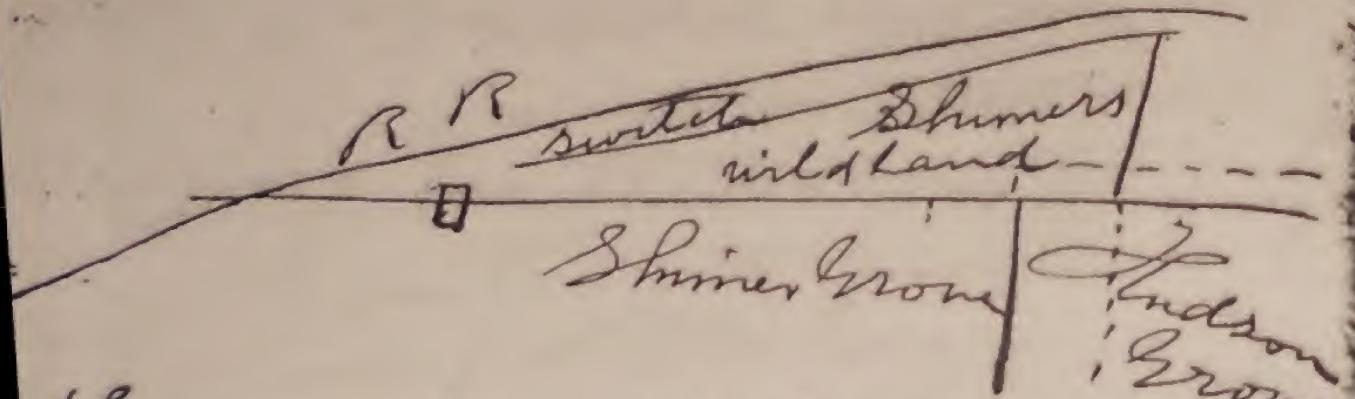
This is the second time my
crop of oranges has so disaf-
fected me by freezes. Why
is it I need this severe discipline
God only knows — it must be
right for some end —

Tuesday, Wednesday & Thurs.
Feb. 3rd 4th 5th have

been too busy days to write much.
I had the men start in to pick at
the 60 today & I went down
to look it over & found it even
worse than I feared. Not
worth picking, in much of it
I am sick at heart & no one
to tell it to who can sympathize
with me, & so I keep it all to
myself. Oh for my joy & Petty
to talk to. But it is nothing I
could help. If only I had been
here earlier in the season, but
regrets can't help it now. Life
is too short to spend it in
regrets & worrying.

Feb. 6/91 Friday. Spent the
forenoon at my desk. About
noon I set out for a drive
to the "60 & 10". Looked the groves
over again. Find oranges every
where more or less hurt. Drove
down to Mr. Hudson's packing house

to see same now, the strip
of land he wants of mine.
He was very impudent & when
he saw I was not inclined to give
it to him & said he "asked no
favors of any one". It is a
presuming thing for him to
ask of me a strip of land there
that will make a notch in
mine, as though it were
not as objectionable to me
to have a notch as for him
to have one. The line is thus



He wants me to let him have
a notch as shown by dotted line
one rod wide & 6 rods long.
Mr May's brother were over
to look over my grove
with view to selling the

print on it to Anderson. said
he had been carefully over it &
estimated the crop at 2500 to 8700
boxes. Drove down to Mr Brushes.
found him hopeful as ever. I
fear he will be greatly disappointed
in his crop of oranges.

Saturday Feb. 7. Men picking at
the "60" I drove over to Mrs Lind
leys & the Lake grove. Found
Mrs. L. at the oranges she had
picked weeks ago & stored at
the winter house. Orange
market looking up. Mr Biell
sends word to Mrs L. that now
is the time to sell Navel.

Sunday Feb 8/91 Too worn
out to go to church. Rested.
Nice warm weather. Have
taken more cold though in
spite of me. Mr Richardson
came over in P.M. & talked
strongly in favor of my selling
fruit at "60" in Anderson's offer
of \$1500. Says there are not many

as many ranges were as in
May estimates & c. v.c. told
me I was glad to have him
tell out what he thought so
in Monday morning Feb. 9/91 I
sent word to Mr. May that
Anderson could have the
fruit. Soon after Mr May
came saying Anderson
would send me check
today. The day passed & no
check came & I didn't know
what to make of it so I drove
round to see Mr May who
said it would be all right.
So I had my men move from
60 up here to home place to
work on this grove. Made a
beginning at this here.

Tuesday morning Feb. 10 All
hands here at this grove. Only
got off 58 boxes today, with 10 ready
to go to depot & 10 went last night.
Not great speed & fruit not nice
quite discouraging —

Look Mrs R. & Mrs. S. coming over for
little ride to town. Got a blind to
have set in north side of barn
for window to packing room.
We do need a pack house independent
of barn. Think I will have one
put in for a coloring house
& packing house together. Had
letter today from Mr. A. J. Perkins
of Daytona about his pack
or rather Lemon Curing house
Its construction he gives as
follows: "1st - foundation of 2x6
laid flat wise on which is a
floor tight enough to hold
sawdust." "2^d. You put 2x6
scantling edgewise & fill with
sawdust to top of scantling".
"3^d lay on floor of matched
boards 4" use 2x6 stuff 7 ft
long for posts" "5th" cover with
novelty siding - "6th Ceiling side
inside top with matched boards
filling with saw dust between
siding & ceiling & cover over
head with saw dust." Roof as

or any building. door is
in middle double & same
thickness (6 in.) as the walls,
the a "safe vault door". For
venting I have a 2 inch hole
near the floor, in center of opposite
door, & a small box flue
1 inches \square in center over head.
I use a single Kerosene burner
stove for heating & keep water
constantly on top of stove". Be very
anxious your stove does not emit
a flame will be blackened & if
I have colored lemons in 6 days,
with temperature at 90° I have
never treated but one batch of
oranges & that was very soft
factors". Picked them perfectly
green & treated same as lemons.
They were a nice color in 6 days &
about equal to foreign fruit in taste
sweetness or as sweet as early
picked fruit ripened on tree".
The only drawback is the risk of

Camp smoking, but with
careful attention will prevent
this, frequent trimming &c. May
success in coloring has been all
I could anticipate & helped
to reach an early market".
I must build one at this
grove. Size of Mr. P's
house he gives as 12x16
ft. posts 7 ft high

Lemon Curing
House from A. J.

Perkins of Daytonia
Recd Feb 10/99 Same
also a year or more ago.

Wednesday Feb 11/99

Busy here at home grove. Got

ff, 85 boxes. I drove down to
#10 & got the covers (rubber)
spread over boxes. Sam - Mr.
Bush. He is hopeful as ever.
In P.M. drove over to Mrs. Lindy,
but didn't find her. Mr. May
called & paid me \$1500. of
what was coming from Ander-
son. About too get due me
a box or two.

Thursday Feb. 12. Went to
Bank in forenoon & got a
N.Y. draft for \$6200 of the \$1500.
from Anderson for Oranges
sent to Joy to pay debts with &c.

The time from Feb 12/90 to
Feb. 22 Sunday - has been too
full of work to admit of time
to give to this memorandum.
Have had from ten to twenty
persons at work on the home
grove getting the oranges off.
Finished this grove yesterday
noon. The product from this

Luxxome grove of avocados is
fully 1000 boxes had none been
lost there would have been
fully 1200 boxes. All, or nearly all,
have gone through the Z. Fruit
Exchange & have no returns yet
& will not know for a month or
two the result from the crop.
The fruit is so much hurt from the
freeze that I cannot expect
very much from it. If it nets
~~me~~ \$1. per box or \$1000 for this
crop, though it ought to be \$1500
to \$2000. Have had many
annoying things with the
workmen this week, which
I trust may not be repeated.
Tomorrow mags to the Lake grove
to work.

Monday Feb 23 Moved to
Lake grove. Raining & only
got ready for work.

Tuesday Feb 24 Got fairly
to work at Lake grove.

leads a smaller force than
this grove & will ob-
viously take longer, for
the same quantity of fruit.
The probable crop at Lake
may be 600 boxes.

Wednesday - Feb. 25

Work at Lake grove - Much
work for me running after
material & keeping things
going. Discharged J.
Strickland today. Don't like
him one bit. A mischief-
making scamp -

Thursday, Feb 26 Rained yester-
day morning, begin in night,
cleared about noon & I went to
Lake grove. The wind came
up & before night it blew
a gale - the worst wind
storm I was ever out in.
Very cold at evening. Then
stood here at 40° at 5 am
morning. I was much worried

were Mrs. & my planes. After
midnight I went out & thought
I would bring them in, but it was
so windy I dared not expose my
self as I ~~trust~~ to do, so I covered
what I could & left them out.

Friday - Feb 27 - A very cold
windy night. Thermometer
stood at 5 A. M. at 40° & did not
move above it till late in A. M.
About 9 or 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ A. M. it got up to 42° &
slowly crept up to 52° at about 1 P. M.
The highest the Ther. reached
during the day was 54 & that
was about 3 P. M. when the wind
slowly veered to the N.E. & held
there. As I write at 10 evening
the Ther. stands 42°. This
means a frost & I fear a
destructive one. This is a
fall of 2° per hour. If it so
continues till morning - say
6 o'clock, the Ther. will be
down to 26° & this will be
ruinous to fruit buds &
some growth. I do so hope we

but I see nothing but Providen-
tial interposition to prevent it.
This morning I slept late having
been up till after midnight last
night & 3 o'clock night before,
A Mr Morgan called to sell
me Fertilizer. Is in with
Painter. He stand till about
11 A.M. As soon as I could I
harnessed & started for the
grove. Got there about 1 P.M.
Took Thes. with me, & it stood
at 52° till 3 P.M. when it
crawled up to 54° I had 8
jiggers at the oranges. We
put them "on sacks & covered
them with sacks & hay &c.
in the grove. I don't know
that it will be cold enough
to hurt the oranges but I felt
it would be safer to have
what we could gotten off.)
A Mr. W. Stone called to
see me Mon. morn.

... one of me come a good place
here. I talked with him & found
him an intelligent, reading &
thinking man. Am inclined to
employ him. Will see about it.

At $11\frac{1}{2}$ at night Ther. stands 44° a
rise of 2 degrees in first $1\frac{1}{2}$ hours.
There is hope —

Saturday Feb. 28 Ther. stands
~~at 50°~~ when I got up. The
danger is past. I am so glad.
Took Mrs. Brownlee over to
the Lake grove to size oranges.
I worked with her at the sizes
all day, & was so tired at night.
I scarcely knew my own name.
Sunday Mar. 1 A nice spring day,
but I am so tired I cannot go out.
Rested, not even writing home
more than short letter to Pet &
Joy.

Monday Mar. 2 /91 Up early
& off to the grove. Took Mrs B.
See that all was moving right.

over to Edwards & got him to
come for a load of oranges.
He will haul whenever we
want him. I am glad to be free
of Mr May. He has seemed so
disobliging that I will give
him a wide berth. Tom Eych
as he came for a load said
Mr. May wanted to know
if I would let him have
a part of the car of Tobaccos &
that he was ready to haul it for
me &c. Morgan & Painter
have been after me morn
& night to get the car of To
bacco I have at depot it is 5
hogsheads 12 tons net, of Tab
scraps. This is the first of six
or seven cars I am to have
from W. S. Mathews & Sons
Louisville, Ky. It is not
stems but leaf scraps for tea
tizer. Mr Gregory says it
is fully $\frac{1}{3}$ stronger than the

years. I and ~~the~~ ~~men~~ ~~wants~~ to change it
with me & I finally consented.
I will take of him 10 tons of humus
at 34.75 per ton & pay him
in tobacco scraps or cast to
me here on the track. I pay
\$8 per ton of freight on gross
weight is \$6.⁵⁵ per ton
from Ocoeeville to De Land
Fla. I took a bundle of 11x14
Orange wrap to Stetsons to pay
for one borrowed. They com-
plain of the fruit at Stetsons
being coarse & pretty from
the com pen^s of his grove.
Went to the 6^o & found Anderson
at Packy House. He is disap-
pointed in quantity of fruit
from my grove. Said he hadn't
one thousand boxes off yet. He
had all hands picking on
Friday last believing me
were going to have a freeze.
Has most of the oranges off
Claimies he has a car load ready.

at can't get a car, he is a
~~trades~~ man. I drove over
to my 10 & looked it over. The
grove is good. Drove in to see
Mr. Brush. He is not well. Very
thin. Wants to sell his grove
very badly. Asks \$20,000 for some
100 old trees & 200 younger
ones in bearing with 107 acres
of land. Says however, "I am
ready to accept any respectable
offer". I asked him what he
would call a respectable
offer. Will said he I don't
mean by that to take ten
dollars for twenty or \$15 for \$20,
My opinion is however that
cash offer of \$10000 will
buy it. Wish I could sell some of
mine & buy it. Bargained with Mr.
Brush for two large pine trees
in his yard that are deadened.
Wants \$1.50 each for the two or \$2
for the largest one. I want them
for posts for addition to my

I will get Butterfield & Ogleland to go
down & work them up. Came
home from Brushes via Whiting,
& called at the Pack's house. Lee
Morris is manager there Mr
Woodard & Englishman has the
care of the grove. One Mr Beard,
a northern buyer bought the
fruit. They have their boxes
stenciled "Indian River Oranges".
I asked them for a sample of
I.R. orange, so Lee gave me one.
Very pretty orange, but no better
than many of mine. Fraud!
They shipped a car this morn'g -
in bulk, of inferior fruit, not
worth packing. Lee M. said
they had shipped one before &
netted \$130 per box on the tree.
Beard sends them to his
lard in Cincinnati & he
works them off by putting them
in bbls. there & selling them
to a low class of trade. I
came home with the box

on our num. cleve. 20, now
about 3 P.M. Took my dinner
with Charlie & then to town
to mail &c. Arranged with
Figelow to let me have box
nails at Keg rates in small
lots. Took out 10 lbs. Got some
Bananas, Sweet potatoes & sugar
& Haynes & paid for them
all. Dan Eych took out 3 bundles
of 10x10 & one of 11x11 paper from
Cleveland. I took one of 11x11 to
the station the one I borrowed
Cleveland to send up the 2 of 10x10
to the house. After I got over
to the Minter place I sized
oranges balance of day. On
the way home Mr May called
us to talk to Mr May about planting
Sweet Potatoes. Then he
wanted some tobacco. I told
him I wanted Anderson to
pay for my boxes &c. I have
no patience with him.
He is selfishness personified!

Tuesday Mar. 31. 1881. 100 & no. 1. S. Co.
Winters house to work at oranges.
B sized till I was so tired & in such
pain I had to stop.. We get off an
average of about 50 boxes a day.
Our force consists of two colored
men - Butler Copeland who ^{is}
picks, Jas. T. Boyd who picks some
& makes boxes some & Richardson
who nails up boxes, stencils &
helps size and Henry Finney
who wraps & packages from
45 to 60 per day. Mrs Bisomlin
who sizes & I help her some.
~~This~~ is the only force we run
and I find it much more satisfactory
than to employ so many.
If I live to have another crop
of oranges to ship I will begin
as soon as the oranges begin
to yellow. Will have a lemon
house as described by Perkins
of Daytona, & have the first
oranges ~~begin~~ to turn yellow,

cked & put in Lemon house, 118
as yellowed nicely which
would be in about 5 days or 4,
will ship them.

Wednesday Mar 4 - Took Mrs.
to pack'g house, but I had
give up trying to market the
beer, so went of errands of
no sort & another, too mu-
nerous to write out, but
thought to keep very
busy & get very tired.

Thurs. Mar. 5 Took Mrs. Br.
pack'g house & then even-
ing to Mr Telford's to see them
about Mr Stone & Chs. Watson
Also to the Hiserote house to
see Mrs Lindley, then home
feed Charlie & then drove
home to see Chs. Watson, Col.
short work, & then down to
Mr. Stones. Found Chs. but did
not find Mr Stone. Left word with
his wife to come & see me which
he did at evening. Had a long talk

anom you - - - - -
to go tomorrow & take his wife
to see the "Taylor Place" house.
Very busy all day & very tired at night.
Wrote till after one o'clock makin-
ing up order for garden seeds &
githome &c &c

Friday, March 6. Took Mrs.
B to Pack's house. Drove over
to ~~Hinton~~ Taylor house &
opened it up & then went for Mrs.
Telford to come over & see it.
She seemed much pleased
with it - thought it better than
~~she~~ supposed. Thought the
stones must like it there & I
am glad I had seen where
the stones lie. It certainly is
one of the most god forsaken
places I ever saw. Took
Mrs Telford home & started
to go back by the Pack's house
but met a lady & gentleman
so fast as she seemed so tired
I turned around & took her in

(now known) where there was a
vacancy left for a house.
Thus the three acres on Main
Ave. has 196 trees. Then there
are some 2 acres back of this
on Amelia Ave., on which
there are a hundred or so
budded trees apparently six or
seven years old. Quite un-
even etc. Then there are 14
acres in unimproved land
though some of it is cleared.
Some is in pine timber. On the
whole it seems a desirable prop-
erty. I write to Joy & Pet about it.
Maybe they will buy it. One thousand
down will buy it. I told Mrs. Brad-
lee about it & she wants it very much. It
is such a pity she has committed
herself to De Land to pay \$3000. for
60 trees when she might have
had this for \$5000. Knowing she
was committed for this to De
Land I did not for a moment think
of her taking this & had no idea

... showing such a spirit about it. On consideration I concluded to withhold my letter to Joy & Pitt & give Mrs Browne the chance, & so asked her what she could do in the matter. She said she would have about £300. left after paying £2500. to De Land, & she could pay \$100. on the Fiddis property & take it on a sort of lease, paying in from it as fast as she got the money etc Of course I knew no such offer would be considered but I went to Sargent with it & felt like a fool to do it. Of course he rejected it with a sneer of contempt at her presumption. Meanwhile I was out in a drenching rain & failed to get over to the Taylor place. Ten Eyck re ported two of Colakes Carpenters at work & Mr Stone & Mr Wendl, brot the house

Tuesday, March 17. Very wet.
& rain threatened all day. Lat
when I got over to Taylor place
found Mr Stone & Fred Stone
lathing. Two of Mr Clakes men
at work on inside work. Mr
Clake had been over but
gone & would not be back till
middle afternoon. Started
Ten Eyck & Stone to saw three
blocks to put under the house
to have ready when Clake
should get there. But Fred
right at lathing, as he was
doing it with too wide spaces.
Looked round generally &
then drove home & wrote
another letter to Joy & Pet &
went down & mailed it. Came
home & fed Charlie & set
out again for the Lake
grove. Found Clake & one
of his men & Ten Eyck &
Stone at the lake house

carving & pruning new woods
under, getting on well with
it. Went over to Taylor house &
found one of Clothes men at
the windows & Fred S. at the
bathing, making fearfully
low work. Drove over to Mrs.
Lindley whom I found just in
from planting grapes! Mrs.
Austin calling. I guess to get
the little girl to take music
lessons of Miss Lindley. It began
to sprinkle & I made for home.
Mr. Austin driving along to see
improvements on house.
I got home tired enough
to find Mrs. T. at barn waiting
for me. Helped unharness as
usual. De Land after Mrs.
B. for the check for \$25.00.
his promise of a Deed. Tell
me I would not pay him a cent
if he produced the Deed
Abstract &c. However
he has written the check

for \$4500 for her tonight.
She must follow her own
information.

Wednesday March 18 / 91

About 8 A.M. Powell, the
tool of De Lands, came for
Mrs. Brownlee. He first said
he had come to submit to
me the papers he had made
out for Mrs. Brownlee. I told
him I had no wish to see them
as I had no interest whatever
in the matter. I further told him
they had no right or business to
ask of her the money before
an abstract was made satisfac-
tory & Due given. He miscalcul-
ed gratuitions & remarks & asked
to see Mrs. B. I at once called
her. She came & made the same
request that I would examine
the papers. I declined again.
He then went on to say how

They had made some papers - uppers & an
gers & they concurred in pronouncing
them complete &c. I said you
certainly have no reason to ask
my examination of them if you
are making an honest, clean
thing of this deal & Mrs Brownlee's
judgement is satisfied you
will certainly excuse me from
troubling myself with the
matter. (What an absurdity!)

Then Mrs B. put in again to say
that Mr De Land was all the time
doing so much business he
must be well posted &c. & asked
I didn't think him reliable
Of course I could not say yes,
so I said nothing. She re-
peated her inquiry, & I said
Mrs Brownlee you know what
think, why do you press me
for an answer here? Well she
was decided & what was the
in my saying more when
I had said all to her I could

to say very come much a
foolish thing, while she could
honorabley retract. To end the scene
I handed her the check of \$2500.
on the Carroll Co. Bank. &
she gave it over to Powell & took
her papers. I am so sorry for her
but she does it with her eyes open
& must take the consequences.
Working at the Taylor place & at
the old Lake house to have it fixed
up for Charles Watson to live
in & then use for Black's house.

I don't hear from Chas. W. yet as
to whether he will come or not.
Thurs. Mar. 19 A busy day, looking
after lathers & well diggers &
plasterers &c &c. Took Mr Ten
Eyck over to see the work we were
doing. Ten Eyck & Stone were
burning off the pond & a few
Mr Stone lathing some also.

March 20 Friday. A very beau-
tiful day. Ten Eyck & Stone lathing
The red head carpenter at work on

names or ages now. - used Mr
Mayberger for lathing. Went for
Mr. Swift, &c. but every body
busy in the groves. Called at Mrs
Lindley's & then home via Mrs. Telford's
brought her into town. She stays
at Mrs. Northrop's till Monday.

Brought home from Depot a box of
Rose roots - 56 sorts received from
Peter Henderson. They came on
Thurs. when Mrs. Ten Eyck came
home from Lake Winnimissit where we went Thurs P.M. to
call on the Vandagriffs to
see their roses & lilies. They have
several very large bushes but no
such anita as we have. They
will come over this week to
see our roses. We have now
with the 56 new ones received
87 different sorts of roses

Saturday - Mar 21 Mr. J. put
Charlie in the harness before he
went to work. It was foggy but
didn't think it would rain, but
got a t. m. it. set in for a wet

Spent the day writing. Wrote
Rop & Libbie Hostetter, Home &c.
Well digger Mr Whitcomb came
to see about making us a well
at Taylor place. Will have him
put down an iron pipe ($1\frac{1}{4}$ in)
inside the galvanized one to
a living stream of water. He will
go at it on Tues. Works at \$4. per
day & I furnish a man, with him
Whitcomb uses a stone tubing in
his surface water wells.

About 4 P.M., the rain ceased &
sun shone out & I harnessed
Charlie. Had to go to town for oil
& I agreed to give Dargent answer
about the purchase of Fiddis'
property. Ought to hear from home
ere this. If I don't hear I will go
& tell Dargent & will take this
property myself. I told him that
in effect Friday morning. I can
sell it ready at an advance &
thus have the acre or two next

4th P.M I started with Charlie for town. Met a messenger with telegram from home saying "Julius much inclined we wrote for further information - Fiddis property" Henry Blumer.

Well I guess they will take it, ^{*} any way I shall secure it. Didn't see Sargent in town, so came home with my oil, & wrote a note to Sargent & Bristol saying they may consider the property as sold.

Sunday, Mar^{ch}, 22/91 It pleasant except a windy morn', but not cold & yet need a fire. This is Mr 22. Davidsons last day at De Land. The people raised for him \$700. & paid his wife's expenses from & to Boston & their expences while in De Land the whole amounting to nearly nine \$1000. Very well for

meetings were held in Bap Church at 4 o'clock & in the Pres. Church evenings. The crowds have been immense. 40 forward for prayer last night. Davidson is a Methodist. Now will come the scramble for the new converts, & the bickering & quarreling that will grow out of it will be bitter in proportion to the zeal of the past.

Had large mail tonight
Wrote long letter home.

Monday March 23/81

A lovely day after the heavy rain of Sat. Went early. Put up Dale & went notice at Bonlevay. Took Mr R. down town. Saw Sargent & Bristol & paid £25. to bind the bargain on purchase of the Fiddis property. Much action

I'm over made moves, wrote
like 1884 several purchasers
after the Fiddis place. All got
fooled. Took Mrs Telford up to
house to see the roses &
around calling. In P.M. I
went to Taylor place. Found
Mr O'Neal laying the piers to
barn. Has his own nigger
tender. This is his first day. In
forenoon he took load of brick
over & started the mortar. Mr.
Clarke came to see after
things. Mr. Stone lathing.
Red headed carpenter at the
barn work. Got letter from
Doc & Joy. Doc wants the
Fiddis place. When I came
home at evening found Mrs
H. calling on Mrs T. took
her home & then took
Mrs T. to town & got mail
this day, Mar. 24 Work on house
& barn moves slowly. I am
kept busy.

Sen Eyck with me to Taylor
place & then to Mr Waltz
then across to Mr Frank's we
all to see the flowers. Got
home about noon. In P.M.
saw Mr Clough about the
"shell phosphate" at De Leon
They deliver it here @ \$20 per
car load of 12 tons. I have a
mind to have a car or two
on my home place. Mr B.
told me how he talked to Mrs
B. about buying that grove
of De Land. Said he advised &
intreated & made her promise
not to buy till she let him know.
Several callers about renting the
Boulevard.

Thurs. Mar. 26 Took Mrs B.
over to Taylor Place to tie
up grapes. The first well
started by ~~the~~ Whitcomb they
left their drill in, at 80 ft

down & Conklin gets ours,
this mornig started a new well
where he located by his switch.

Friday Mar. 27 Got the well
down 62 ft & no water. The forma-
tion all different from other
place & from any he was ever
in. Plastering finished today.

Had Mary Stone to help Mrs B.
tie grape vines. Took Charlotte
Bradley over to pull weeds &
mulch vines in P.M.

Saturday, Mar 28 - It is work
work, hurry hurry early & late.
I cannot endure this strain - I
must have a respite some
way. The well business drags. Stop
today on account of pipe not coming.
Worked some towards evening.

Over to Johnson place as usual.

Sunday - Mar. 29 So tired out I
slept till near noon. Mr &
Mrs. Hogeland soon came home
from Church with Miss T. & took

The Hs are from Fairview. Are looking for a grove to buy, tried before to interest them in the Boulevard place, but no 'see.

Monday, Mar. 30 Busy day at Johnson place at the well, but little headway. Tired of it & so discouraged. The formations are claimed to be different from any he ever met with before. deep layers of stiff clay alternating with sand & deep down some 80 to 90 feet a strata of shell some 7 ft. through.

Shipped today 100 grape fruit home. Packed in 3 boxes, the vacancies filled with oranges. Got them of Mrs. Waltz @ $\frac{4}{100}$ per 100. She brot them over.

Tuesday, Mar. 31 Received a form of Release of Mortgage against Hibbert wood for

... excuse me
once as he had sold his farm
& wanted to pay &c. Wrote to Elder
with the Release about the
Sale of my Town Land, See L.B.
Sent all to Joy to forward, if
she thought best. The Richardsons
left Sat. & Mon. Mrs. R. gone
to (North Carolina) home with
her mother & Mary R. gone to
keep house for Buford who
works for Mr. Olson. Hope he will
do him better justice than he has me.
Mary brot the keys over. At night as I
came home from work I drove up
to Bowesard House & found both
gates wide open.

Wednesday, Apr. 1 The first really
warm day we have had, that I
could ride without a wrap of some
sort & at evening had to put on Cape
& little shawl. Mrs. B. went over
& worked in grapes. I came
home early, & got soil &c to
paint with & mixed paint for

Pruning roses. Seared one for
Mrs. B. on a blind brot home
late. Mr. J. quit work today.
Dairky whitewashing the house.
Been at it now two days & I
prepared all the wash will
take probably two days more for
inside & barn etc. Dreadfully
low. Got well pipe down
about 100 ft. & no sign of water.

Thursday Apr. 2

Busy at the
Taylor place. Work on the well
progressing slowly. The well
man thinks he has struck rock
with the drill, but has a hard
time through the shell &c.
A colored man Jas. K Taylor
came for wash this morning
but having to dig rose bed. A
good washin. In P.M. threatened
rain. Started home, ie Mrs B
& I, & got caught in rain. Just
as I got in the carriage home

" poured. Mr. Donys began his
work with Sawyer in Hains & Shoe
Business. His interest at \$4500. Mrs. B.
worked some in vineyard & painted
some. Carpenter in the Street, Turn
quit at work. Mr. Whitcomb &
Mr. Stone at the Well. Walter
Boyd quit whitewashing today
Put in 3 days (less 1 hour) on the house
Barn @ \$1.50 per day.

Friday Apr. 3 Cloudy & sprinkly
all noon. Went over to Taylor-
place & took Mrs. B. to work at
painting. I came home before
noon. Mr. T. sick with cold. Found
there had been a man to rent
Boulevard house. He came
again in evening. A Mr. Thornton
or Artist-Mechanic etc. like
him who left his room recently called
Mr. Waltz again & got some
paper from Bro's. Mrs. B. home
of off singing 200 sides
as it is said. Cost of
well worth the money.

(coca) we were doing now &
from Painters. Got out 3 loads &
scattered it on the ~~the~~ Taylor
grove. Not big days work. This
tobacco is doubtful economy.
Letters from Joy & Doe. & Pat
They three will take Fiddis grove
in partnership, each $\frac{1}{3}$ of it.

Saturday Apr 4/91

Took Mrs B.
over to Taylor place to prime
I mixed paint & looked
after things generally. Came
home at noon to meet
Mr Thornton who comes to
rent my Boulevard place. He
was here last evening to see
me about it. The well dug
off today. Mr Stone off in P.M.
Carpenter on one there
Mr Thornton was here at
noon & I agreed with him
about rent. He takes it for
one year at \$10. per mo. & I

the men working on road. Then
the poor man. I am sorry
for him. At evening Lee Morris
came to see about the work in
Fiddlers grove. Joe Boyd.

Sunday, Apr 5. Very cool
but clear & pleasant. Rested &
wrote home.

Monday, Apr. 6. Cold, cold
frost in low places Ther. low
as 35° here but froze ice in
places. Wind in night very
severe, probably saved the
freeze. Ther. barely reached
 65° during the day. Wind went
down middle of Pitt. I didn't go
over to Taylor place till 9 AM
~~it was so cold~~. Took Mrs B.
over to Fidim blinds. Mr Stone
there at work with the Carpenter
turn grit. Whitcomb at the
mill. Very hard driving in
shell rock. He thinks he will
soon get water. Down from 105^o

Frooeful time for water ev-
erwhere. Joe Boyd hauling
tobacco with Bob onto the home
grove on in P. M. on the Fiddlers
grove. Put 4400 lbs on the
home grove of big trees. Went
down to the "60" to get linseed
meal for horses. Jas Taylor
(Cola) at work fertilizing.

Prepared paint for inside work
at Taylor place. Mrs. Waltz here.
Mr Thornton moving into houses
on Bonlward today.

Tuesday Apr. 7/91

An unprecedented
frost for the time of year in
Ila. Ther. down to 32° frost
& ice formed. Grapes hurt
quite badly. vegetables killed.
It seems too bad.

Morning very cool though,
the ther. came up quite
rapidly. Went over to Taylor

place. Mrs B. painting blinds.
Mr. Stone went to town to court or
about 9 & back about one. Worked
at paint. I mixed &c. Mrs Waltz
came with grape fruit &c.
Must to bid a ny earl.

Wednesday Apr 8. Up early & without
breakfast drove down to Mrs Swift's
to call for Mr & Mrs House. Brot
them up here & gave them oranges
& then drove up to Seymour's
grove. Mr H. walking. Took
them back to Mrs. Swifts. They
are "life long friends of Wil & their
Seymours." Met Mrs Waltz
Don't know but I have offended
her. Came home for Mrs B. to
run up to Taylor place to paint.
I mixed paints &c. Very, very busy.
Almost tired out. Oh for a rest,
but when or how is it to come
Had black Jim here working on
the lawn. Another young darky
that Miss Telford sent over at
the tobacco here on home place

to this grove & to Joy, Petz &
Mrs Sangers & at the Fidd's
grove. Lee Morris & darky
hauling fertilizer & hums to
Fidd's Groves & to winter grove
& in P.M. plowing Fidd's grove.
Thus I have at work today, Mrs
B. Mr Stone, Lee Morris &
darky; Joe Boyd, Jim Taylor
Walter — & Mr Whitcomb &
nigger at the well - nine
in all. I am so tired of all this.
Is there no way out!

Thurs - Apr. 9 Very busy at
the paintys. Mr Stone & Mrs.
Stone both at it. & Mrs B.

Turnquit finished the carpenter
work Tues. Mr Stone put in a
kitchen Cupboard on Wed. I
drove to Mr Waltz & to Telfords
in P.M. & called at Mrs Lindley.

Friday Apr. 10 Very busy.
Joe Boyd plowing on the River
Fidd's Grove till noon, as also
yesterday all day.

Friday P.M. we began plowing on the
home grove. Had Walter spreading
fertilizer. Jim Taylor I set
at the grubbing on the Fiddis
place. Mr & Mrs Stone at home
Mrs B. not well about her home
at noon. In P.M. I drove over
to Waltz with Mrs ~~Stone~~^{Waltz}.

Saturday, Apr. 11/91

Went early &
alone to Taylor place. Helped
Mr Stone about painting. Mr.
W. not at the well. No one at
work but Mr Stone & I. Got
the painting all done, ie the
chief part. The Dash & Blinds
yet to do. I worked very hard all
P.M. Had letter tonight that my
old horse Frank is dead - died
the 8th inst. I am so sorry. How
I will miss the old fellow.

Sunday, Apr. 12.

A beautiful
day. Mr May was baptized.
to Bay Chincoteague today. Dr. Dyer

Charlie harnessed & took his
Ten Eyck over to Taylor place.
Mr T. rode Boy over. Father
not me went as a big fire
had just been raging in Mr
Waltz woods next west of my
Lake grove & he put out some
fire that was creeping up into
my grove. Mrs T. is not at
all well. Have her medicine
today. She thinks it the remains
of the fever she had two years
ago. Wrote long letter home
tonight.

Monday Apr 13

Had Mr. Whitcombe
here this morn to sand jump
the well. Have water now.
Drove over to Bonnard
place to see if the well there
was in order. Saw the son
Herbert Thornton at the pump.

and Adams soon a man
about it so sent Whitcomb over
he reported well all right &
plenty of water. I drove over to
Taylor place & called on Mrs.
Dinsley who told me that Mr.
Wolz was very angry because
the fire got from their clearing
into his pine timber &
burned it over. He has kept it as a
fire trap for years declaring he
would not have it burnt over
for \$200. Now the fire came
in spite of him & when the wind
was favorable to me avoided
me great possible damage &
I am glad it is burned. I lose
long line of fence, but
that's small compared with
the possible damage to trees
in grove had the wind been
west instead of East
Whitcomb worked on Wall
P.M. Got done 5 ft.

Tuesday, Apr 14 — soon o. pieces
but found no one there. Mr.
Stone is moving to day. At noon
Whitcomb came & went to make
on well. I felt so miserably
came home & laid down
Mr & Mr Stone & Mary Stone
their way out to new home,
walking. Mrs Stone drove
the team with load of good;
I was sorry not to turn back
& carry Mary but I felt too
sick myself to do so.

Wednesday, Apr 15 —

I had a talk with Rev Mr
Kinney yesterday. He wants
the Boulevard place for
the Minnies property. Says
if I will donate it they will
put up a Chapel at once
& name it Shiner Chapel
— a "memorial Chapel"

supposed remonstrant
were built for dead people —
Am I in error? Mr Stetson
is expected home this week,
possibly today. I hear nothing
from him in answer to my
letter. Mettine wanted to know
if I would take \$5000. for
the Boulevard place &
said as much as to say
if I would try (the University)
would buy it & build Chapel
at once. That Stetson
intends to build a big thing
for University on the Stock
grove &c. Inquired about
fence stuff &c. Thornton
wants to build fence. He told
me this morn'g that "Herbert
had not been up for a week till
today." I saw him out doors
talked with him yesterday
morning. What does he mean?
He told me his wife had been

over, over so warm across the
room from one bed to another
for all week. I saw her out on
the porch at work yesterday.
What does the man mean!!!

Wednesday Apr 22

A whole week has
passed since I wrote in this
book. How time does fly! The
work of the last week, Thurs &
Fri, were about as usual. On
Saturday, Apr. 18 I took the noon
train for Orlando. Fare one way
\$2⁵⁰ I drove over to Depot
with Mrs. Ten Eyck. & Mr T.
met us there & took the horse
home. I arrived at Orlando
about 3 P. M. Mr Cotton met me
at Depot with a new Phaeton
sharpen, present from Mr Stan-
wood to Mr Cotton. Their horse
"Ch. Summer" is a chunk of
a fellow much like "Boz"
horse. They have a good star.

out; Mrs Cotton welcomed me most cordially & made my visit very pleasant & nice every way.

We had fresh Strawberries & Cucumbers from their own garden. This place is much improved & everything flourishing. Mr. Cotton has the best looking grove in all that region. The orange industry in Orlando vicinity is nowhere equal to what it is in this vicinity. Sunday Apr. 19

Mr Cotton took me around to see the various sights about their part of the country. The beautiful little lakes, so numerous, are the chief attraction here. One place of 10 acres in grove some 13 yrs old owned by one Ch. Grove, Mr Cotton thought a bargain at \$7000. Some 500 trees about like the Fiddis grove, but have never borne to amount to anything.

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little account. Quite near a
lake, but lay high on the
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was cheaper. Then his grove
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early breakfast & Mr. Cotton took
me to the Haynes Vineyard.
Found Mr H. in good spirits,
Met Mrs H. for the first time
& had a pleasant chat.
Their vineyards were all cut
off the growth & fruit in
the Hail storm, but are
now again full of growth &
fruit. His three yr old vineyard

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over that time. Seemed vexed at it. Mrs. B. had left word that I was to go over to Mr. Telford as I came home. I supposed Mrs Telford had sent an invitation as Miss Rundell was there, (came Sat.) but it proved to be all a scheme of Mrs B's to get over there by riding to depot & get home by my driving over there as it was I went without a swallow of food or drink from 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ A.M. to 8 P.M.

Tues. Apr. 21. I drove to the Telfords for Miss Rundell. Took her to the 60th home to lunch on bread & milk & fruit. Then drove to the Taylor place & to Mr. Wally's home with Miss R. at Ilford, then to town for mail & home at dusk. Rained quite a little in the night.

Of getting colored help
On the cars between Winter Park &
De Land I had a talk with a Mr.
Dr J. S. Kedney from Faribault
Minn., who spends winters at
Winter Park (out in country) &
takes her colored servant with
her from Charleston, S. C.
She had with her one she was
returning to her home. She
paid her \$3. per week & expenses
there & back. She was a very
nice looking colored woman,
a widow - one of the better
clafs. She wished she might
go with me as Laundress, but
was not well enough. Said
she would try & get me one
or. Her name is Mrs. Annie
M. Mathews, # 66 Spring St.
Charleston, S. C. I gave her
some addressed envelopes
to write me here.

Mrs. Kedney gave the follow
ing address by a woman she

woman. Maggie Oliver,
of Miss M. R. Ingham, #308 Walnut
St. Phil. Pa. I must write her.
She is Irish but a superior
woman. Wrote her this morning of
Wednesday Apr 22, a letter
of inquiry.

Thursday Apr 23 Mr Stetson
home today from Phil. & Mrs. S.
with him. Drove down to the 60.
& to Lake grove. Eight men on
the "60" with three teams. Mr Stone
budding the old lemon Stock
shoots over. Putting a whole car
of Tobacco leaf on the "60"

Friday Apr 24 Recvd letter from
Stetson saying he had not recd.
any letter from me in Phil. so I
put up the copies from letter book
to send him. I drove over to Taylor
place & took Mrs B. over to work
on Vineyard, as also yesterday
when I fixed paint for Will S. to
paint Dash &c. He is as nearly a
worthless specimen of a boy.

his feet. ~~our~~, too lazy to stand on
miserable, worthless fellow
In afternoon I went down to the
60th to the P. Took Stone along to
count trees & look after things
there. Result of count on the 16
acres as follows — On the 10th 6
778 bearing orange trees, 15-
down orange trees, 115 Pear trees
5 to 6 yrs old & 364 small & ..
planted last season. 40 peach
trees bearing fruit & 42 not bearing
All told 1404 trees on the 16 acres.
I came home via town & Telfords.
Took Mrs. T over to Mrs. Williams
to tea. Miss ~~Telford~~ Rundell &
Mr Telford walked over. I then
went to Taylor place for Mrs.
B: & home, tired.

Saturday Apr 25: Here it is the
month almost gone & no plans
for going home. The grippe &
pneumonia are so bad north
it is deemed not prudent for me to
go North now on account of the
grippe & pneumonia. When can I go,

rained steadily all night & all
forenoon. About noon it partly
cleared up, but soon rained
again. Then all here after
their weeks wages. Left busy.
Mr Stone here in P.m. Mr
Thornton & Son here in the
evening.

Sunday Apr 26 Cleared off &
a beautiful day, but cooler.

Monday Apr 27

It began to
rain last evening about 9 &
"poured" all night & continued
all day with slight intervals.
I sent for Joe Boyd to come
& do the chores etc. Mr Stone
called this morning, to see about
tree planting. Will get 400 or
more orange trees & plant in the
60 where the lemon trees were
killed last year in March frost.
This unusually heavy rain
makes planting favorable.

my cows as you as you

Tuesday Apr. 28 I awoke & went to barn. Found Walter there & we fed the horses. She cleaned them off. Joe came late. Boy horse had only time to eat his oats, no hay. Shameful. I drove to town & saw Sargent about Deeds of Fiddis grove &c. They had come. I came & got check books to make the payment, but didn't go back. Found callers - Mr & Johnson, Mrs Lewis & a bunch back that reminded me of the one Phebe ^{Mosher} that used to be with Noyes. After they left I drove over to Hayberger's to see about trees. Saw Mr Frank & he recommended Fred Morris, so I came back to go & found him there. His prices were reasonable & so I drove down to his place. They were just at dinner. They invited me in to dinner, but

Mr. Morris bro't me a "sancer
of beautiful - delicious straw
berries & bread & butter & I had
a nice lunch all by myself.
When Mr. N. was done dinner we
went over the nursery & grove.
He has much fruit yet & very
nice. He says he is much
disappointed that prices are so
low this late. His prices for trees
are \$20 per 100 of trees under an
inch except Tangarines & Tardys
which are $\frac{1}{4}$ \$25 per 100 in 500 lots.
For $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch trees price \$35,
or \$30 per hundred in 500 lots.
For $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in., 45 or 40 per
100 in 500 lots Trees good. Told him
to deliver me a load at the 6th
tomorrow by 10 A.M. of his
own choice.

Wednesday Apr. 29 I took
Mrs Bromiley over to Taylor's
place to work on vineyard &
then went to the "60" Morris sent to

cheaper for the ~~graduation~~ ~~Wheat~~
Aristos. I helped about the breaking
Mr Stone, with Will Stone went to
setting the trees while Joe Boja
handed water around. Short of
help, so I drove out & picked
up couple of boys, (Nigs) one digs
holes & one scatters fertilizer &
banks up. We put small quantity
of tobacco on top. Will put some
bone on later. My choice would
have been to reverse it, but Mr
Stone chose this. My reason is that the
trees cannot take up fertilizer till
it has thrown out new roots &
begins to grow hence has none
for the tobacco that throws off its
virtues at once & goes to waste,
while the bone would act more
slowly & let lop. I came home at
noon & then back to the 60 & then
back & went for Mrs B.
Thursday Apr. 30 Took Edna B. &

Vineyard in the evening to 6 o'clock. From
there went to Fred Morris to see

arrived at 100 in P.M. about quitting
the 60. Came home to dinner & then
back to "60" & thence to the 10 to see
about work there. Morris two men
& teams at plows. H. Dixon at
fertilizing, Walter Wright at
scattering bone. Am putting own
bone & potash on the ~~to~~ ten
grove. Will put linseed meal
on the small pear trees & bone
& potash on the large pears
& peach trees. This will be done
as soon as they are done in the 60.
So Mr. Stone can see to it.

One incident of Tues. I omitted. As
I was driving out of the 60 to go to the
10, Stetson & Jameson N
came dashing up. Stetson called
out "you are just the woman
want to see". I recd the prop
ositions about groves Saturday
Now I have just one thing to
say. I want the Boulevard
place for the University. I
will give you \$5000. cash.

Chuck now. I have a telegram
come back at once to Philmont
to-morrow ~~in~~ & It disappeared
points that both I wanted to have
with you, so can only say none.
the Chuck is ready any time you
will take \$5000. If you won't
take this, I will put up a big
building on my own ground
across from University & then I
won't give you \$3000. for yours
Now if J. B. Stetson had left off
this closing threat I might have
concluded, for the sake of the
object, to let him have the proj-
ect for \$5000. But he has been
I am not to be bullied by him
at any other price. I would not
try again, hence I shook my
head & asked him to drive
on, as he would probably
wish to drive faster than I
would & so he dashed across
the crossing, at the switch
& was soon far ahead. I am

as we did in that threat, for I would
like to have the University have
the place. Wish I were able to give
it to the University, but I can't be
scared into any such thing by Mr.
Stetson; I will write Jay for his
opinion. At evening I drove over
for Mrs. B.

Friday May 1 Went to "60" early.
Found Mr. Morris had sent the
loose trees as promised last night.
Mr. Stone said he wanted the
next load by 10 A.M. Saturday
so I drove down to Mr. Morris.
Took Mrs. Ten Eyck along. That
day has been perfect. Rained last
night real hard, & so every thing
is brown this morning. Saw Mr. N.
about trees & then drove on to
Highland Park to get Spanish
moss for Mrs. Ten Eyck. It is too
bad to see such a property
going to decay. Major Morris
put over of \$8000 into the hotel
& there it stands empty & going

as only the front porch having fallen
down &c. The furniture is being
sold. The only habitation there
is a man & wife in a little building
called Post office, with some groceries
too. Mrs. T. was delighted with her
ride. Came home via Ben Cooks.
In P.M. I drove to town & got glass
to put in windows at Taylor place.
Drove over there with it. Called
at Mrs Lindley's & got a sack of car-
coal for Mrs. T. Drove over
to Walts & had a nice visit
with Mrs. Walts. & engaged some
ripe fruit trees. Came home
by town & got meal. Letter from
home tells of Henry Ashway death
Appoplexy.

Saturday May 2. Took Mrs Ten Eyck
up to Capit Woods & round toers
Elfords &c. In P.M. went over
to Taylor place & to Mrs Lindley's &
got some Charcoal for Mrs T.
No work on the Well. Went down to
the 60 also. A busy day.

& visited. Wrote long letter home
Monday May 4 Dione down to 6th
Norris sent 150 trees, at 10 A.M.
Came home to feed Charlie. In
P.M. drove over to Walts to see
about grape fruit again & found
he had only seedlings, so will not
get them. Saw Mrs Lindley & went
to Taylor place. No well man
there. Drove to Telfords. Took
him to town & met Whitcomb at
Depot. Told him to come here
in morning & put down well
here. one of his stone pipe ones. Came
home early as Mrs L. had invited
the Kogelands to tea. Had a
pleasant time. I took Mrs H. home
to Mrs. Voorhes.

Tuesday May 5 Whitcomb came
worked on Well here. I went &
arrived May's "Spudger" to cut
of roots with. My darky Bend
came to see about the grubbing.

of runways on main's place, has
been at it some days. Drove over
to see about it. Set him on the
clearing, in the grubbing along the
street. Am to pay him \$10. to make
it in condition for the plow &
pay him tencts a piece for dig-
ging & burying stumps in the
Fiddis grove. He does it all nice.
I got a new grub hoe which Ben
took for himself. Met Rev. H. C. King
in town & had a talk about the
University & Boulevard place.
They want it but Stetson will not
pay more than \$5000. for it. I came
home to see about the wellhoe,
& went down to "60" still plant-
ing trees. Stone & Will & H.
Dixon & Joe Boyd. Four of them
been at the trees for more than a
week 450 trees Mr May's two
men would plant them all
in two days. Mr Stone wants screens
at the house. He will buy them, I will
not. After dinner I drove over to
Elbords. Had a fine shower & I

... over. Came
out to McHenry about Bouleys
& to Station that I would accept
his offer of \$5000. for B. place
See L.B. Letter from Joy strongly
advising me to do so. Retired about
2 o'clock. Lat night 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in a m.

Wednesday, May 6 At home most of
the day looking after the well digg
ing. Whitcomb has worked with
one big help, Tues, & today - 2 days
I finished up tonight. He went
down to a state of clay & has the
stone pipe well bedded in
the clay bottom. He put in Eleven,
2 ft. lengths of his stone tubing
& 4 length of my Cement tubing
& a small piece less than a
foot, of his own between. His
pumps dry too quickly. He will
come in the morning & see if
he can help it. I had horses &
drive over to Stones place.

for 1 Whitcombs tools. & you
from the University called to
me to join Haskell Literary Cl
I did, because he was doing
lawn money to continue in the
University. Paid £7⁷⁵ a
handsome premium. vol.
of Shakespear. It will be of
little use to me, but it's
helpful in getting other names.
Miss Richardson came to
flowers to decorate at the Uni-
versity. Mrs T. gave her quite
of them & loaned her some
frogs in bloom.

Thursday, May 7 Up very
early to look after work. The
well Mr Whitcomb has put down
here is a fair success - at least
we will give it a trial. He
has spent just two days on it.
It is 11 lengths of his stone pipe of
2 ft. each, from the bottom to
a broken length of about 1 ft. of
his worn out cement pipe or

four rengers (< 8 ft. each) begins
thus the well, from surface
of the ground, is $\frac{1}{2}$ 3 ft. to the ce-
ment pipe & nearly 7 ft of cement
pipe is to top of ground with
about 1 ft. of pipe above the
ground. Over the cement pipe
is a tin cover from an old
stew pan that just fits on the
rim of cement pipe & is held
down by pieces of shingle as
braces nailed to side of box
that forms cover surround-
ing the pipe. The iron pump
pipe fits perfectly tight through
this tin cover. Thus the well
is perfectly tight & impossible
for anything, even the thinnest
roach!! to find entrance in
to the water pipe. Now if this
is not pure as surface water
can be then I don't know
what can be pure. Through
pure sand, to a pure hard clay
bottom, stone pipes, perfectly
tight. Water standing in pipes about

on ft. so that the lift is only about 20
ft. + hence should pump fairly
easily. There is a foot valve on
the lower end of the pipe so there
may be no possible going back of the
water, &c., &c. I went to town on
errands then out to 60 & to Kings
bury's to get Mr. Ross to make
a "Spud" an implement with
which to cut off the top roots of
trees when they are to be taken
out for transplanting &c. I fur-
nished an old grub hoe to
use for the cutting blade.
This welded onto an iron
gas pipe, $1\frac{1}{4}$ size, about six
ft. long for handle. This has
an union on the end so it
may be lengthened if desired
by screwing on a longer pipe.
Mr. Stone began today to move
the large trees outside the
grove - on street, inside.
There are 18 to move - 14 of them
belong to Karmann, Rundell &

set in line of owners in the grove.
Got four moved today. I planned
for the work tomorrow. Holes
to be dug for the big trees. The
trash to be cleared up from
the grove. Holes made to be
filled up &c. &c. Mr Stone
to be away. Came home to feed
Charlie. After dinner took
Mrs T. with me. Went to
town & attended to various
items of biz. Sent telegram
to Pet about her part in the
grove here & e. & e. then
drover over to Stones. Found
Whitcomb at the new well
begun for pipe of stone.
Had him plugging up the iron
pipe he has worked on
so long & start this well
just at side of it. He offers to
get me a satisfactory well
there & if he fails, will
not charge a cent for it

I to have from now till next
winter, till I come down to test
it. If a failure then he will con-
tinue the board well. Oh dear,
what a trial this well has
been to me. Drove to
Mrs Lindley's, Mrs Waltz, to see
roses & Mrs T. to get subscribers
to her paper - the May Flower
She got Mrs Waltz & Mr Brad-
ley on the Boulevard. Came home
by town & waited for the mail.
After I got home Fred Morris
called for the money on the
450 trees delivered on the 60
grove. Sizes from 1 in up
to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$, prices from 20 to 40 cts
per ft. Let me have them
at M rates. Will take the bal.
soon at same rate. I paid him
\$152 $\frac{5}{8}$ for the 450 trees, an average
of almost 34 cts each. Some
quite large trees among them
the sorts are as follows

Bill of Lading
of Fred Morris, paid May 7/91

Apr 29 50 Seedless 1 to $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch @ 30^{ct} = 15.00

" " 50 Tangerines 1 to $1\frac{1}{4}$ " @ 35^{ct} = 17.50

" 30 " 50 Seedless 1 to $1\frac{1}{4}$ in @ 30^{ct} = 15.00

" " " Satsumas " " " 15.00

May 2^d 50 Jaffas $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in. 40^{ct} = 20.00

" " 50 Early Oblong (or Sweet Devil)
at 40 cts, $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in 20.00

" 4 Med. Sweet $1\frac{1}{4}$ to $1\frac{1}{2}$ in @ 40 = 20.00

" " 50 Homarossa 1 to $1\frac{1}{4}$ @ 30 = 15.00

" " 50 Mandarins 15.00

Total 450 trees costing $\frac{\$}{\$} 152.50$

Paid May 7/91

Well %

Work on a bored well at
Taylor place by Ira W. Whitcomb
May 1891 settled — Worked on
bored well 210 hours @ 40cts.
to amt of \$84.00
For 114 feet of $2\frac{1}{4}$ in gas pipe 16 = \$8.24
Paid to Whitcomb = 102.24
" to his helper = 31.50

Amt. sunk in this well \$133.74
Abandoned it & he put down
a tubed well. Conditions are, if
the tubed well does not prove a
success I have nothing to pay. Well
have all summer to try it in. Next
winter when I come down, if it's
all we need there I will pay for it.
If not useful, will have the tubing
completed.

Tubed well at home place May 5
& 6 worked on it 2 days @ \$4 = 8.00
Helper 2 days @ \$1.25 = 2.50
22 ft. his tubing @ .20 per ft = 4.40
8 " of my " = 1.60
Had pump & pipe from old well \$16.50

stones to work at little trees. She made
a fool of herself. I drove to Mr. Walts
& took Mrs. W. in & we drove to the
Gard through by the switch down by
Hudson's grove & out & around
Statesboro to see his company.

She saw his Fish pond!! his 40 acre
had a nice visit. She told me of Mrs.
Stewart's romance. It seems she is not
a Mrs Stewart Mrs Richardson - pro-
nounced Radelou or something sim-
ilar. It seems he was a widower &
had two daughters. They lived in
Ga. Macon I think. He a Criminal
lancer. His mother & family didn't
want him to marry again. Mrs. S. or Mrs. R.
was a grandmother. Under
the assumed name of Stewart they have
lived together for many years - ten
at least. He was supposed to be a trav-
eling man but no one knew in what
line of goods he. It leaked out of the
frand they were living. Mrs. Brown
in whose home Mrs. S. lived when
he was away. So Mrs. Brown wrote him
he must set things right. Then Major
R. came on. Had stroke of paralysis
& died here. They claimed they were
legally married but their certificate
was burned & he made no effort to
get a copy of. Mrs. Brown is ~~satisfied~~
satisfied & allows Mrs. S. to stay there
The mother is dead. The daughters
are delighted with Mrs. S. & her
quite a romance!

